

IN THE DESCRIPTION:

Please rewrite the paragraph at page 5, line 8 to read as follows:

Preferably, an Initial Address Message (IAM) is sent from an origination point signaling controller to a termination point signal controller through an SS7 network, and, in response, an Answer Complete Message (ACM) is sent from the termination point signal controller to the origination point signaling controller, confirming that the termination telephony network can take the call. Preferably, the H. 323 setup signaling is delayed until an ~~origination~~ termination gateway receives a message from the origination point, confirming that the ACM is received. Preferably, the signaling controllers physically are respective gateways themselves.

Please rewrite the paragraph starting at page 7, line 15 to read as follows:

Using the H.323 protocol, the oGW ~~445~~ 116 sends an ARQ (AnswerReQuest) message to the origination point SC 115, asking for the destination IP address to which the call shall be routed. Here it is to be understood that the ARQ message represents both ARQ (e.g., if SC 115 is a gatekeeper) and ARQ equivalent (e.g., if SC 115 is an STP type device). In response to the ARQ, the origination point SC 115 sends ACF (AnswerConFirm) message to oGW 116, giving the destination IP address of the termination gateway (tGW) 118 to route the call to.